

Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation



In 1996, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued the **National Survey on Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation**. The survey results provide state-level details on participation in and expenditures by anglers, hunters and wildlife watchers among both residents and non-residents. Since the survey is updated every five years, the 2001 Survey is currently underway and should provide data showing the growth of this important segment of Utah's tourism industry.

Non-Resident Wildlife-Associated Recreation Participation in Utah ¹		
Non-Resident Anglers in Utah	141,000	
<i>Days of Fishing</i>	1,100,000	28% of all fishing days in Utah
Non-Resident Hunters in Utah	30,000	
<i>Days of Hunting</i>	205,000	12% of all hunting days in Utah
Non-Resident Wildlife Watchers in Utah	231,000	
<i>Days of Watching</i>	1,417,000	51% of all viewing days

Non-Resident Wildlife-Associated Recreation Expenditures in Utah					
Segment	Expenditures	Spenders	Average per Spender	Average per Participant	% of Total Expenditures
Wildlife-Associated Recreation, Total	\$172,678,000	396,000	\$436	\$430	100.0%
Fishing & Hunting, Total	\$72,420,000	166,000	\$437	\$428	41.9%
Fishing, Total	\$62,163,000	138,000	\$452	\$441	36.0%
Food & Lodging	\$20,277,000	131,000	\$155	\$144	
Transportation	\$21,220,000	114,000	\$185	\$151	
Privilege/Other Fees*	\$5,118,000	57,000	\$90	\$36	
Boating Costs*	\$9,361,000	49,000	\$190	\$66	
Bait	\$2,791,000	79,000	\$35	\$20	
Ice	\$2,552,000	93,000	\$28	\$18	
Heating & Cooking Fuel*	\$843,000	61,000	\$14	\$6	
Hunting, Total*	\$10,256,000	31,000	\$336	\$336	5.9%
Food & Lodging*	\$4,790,000	39,000	\$160	\$157	
Transportation*	\$2,636,000	30,000	\$89	\$86	
Wildlife Watching, Total	\$100,258,000	230,000	\$436	\$433	58.1%
Food & Lodging	\$62,326,000	219,000	\$284	\$269	
Transportation	\$16,733,000	154,000	\$109	\$72	
Privilege/Other Fees*	\$20,252,000	120,000	\$169	\$88	

*Estimate based on a small sample size

For more information, call the Wildlife Planning Manager, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources: (801) 538-4790 or visit the DWR website at www.nr.state.ut.us/dwr/dwr.htm. Find the complete set of survey results at <http://www.census.gov/prod/3/97pubs/fhw96nat.pdf>.

¹ Data adapted from the U.S. Dept. of Interior, Fish & Wildlife Service/U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1996 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation – State Report for Utah, FHW/96-UT.